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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
**KC MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM
FOLLOWING JURY CONVICTION**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was sentenced in federal court today following a federal jury conviction for illegally possessing a firearm.

Dana L. Ford, 34, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to two years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On Jan. 11, 2005, a federal jury convicted **Ford** of being a felon in possession of a firearm, ending a trial that began on Jan. 10, 2005.

The federal jury found **Ford** guilty of being a felon in possession of a Ruger 9 mm semi-automatic pistol on June 23, 2004. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Ford** has a 1994 criminal felony conviction for unlawful use of a weapon. In 1996, **Ford** was convicted of two felony counts of trafficking drugs.

Law enforcement officers initially discovered **Ford** in possession of a firearm after conducting a search of a residence located at 2435 S. Norton in Kansas City. The firearm was located in **Ford's** bedroom.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christina Y. Tabor. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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